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THE REHEARSAL.

1. I *Diſplay* my *Victories* to *Encourage* our *Friends*, and *Diſhearten* our *Enemies*
2. The Effect of it ſeen even in *Coffee-Houſes*.
3. The force of *Words*. Shew'd in thoſe of *Belial*, and *Beelzebub*. Who carry on the ſame *War* now on *Earth*, that they Began in *Heaven*.
4. The *Review* ſays, That *God* Approv'd of *Fighting* againſt *Tyrants* in all Ages.
5. The Contrary ſhew'd in the *Jews* under *Pharaoh*, and *Ahaſuerus*, in *David* and *Saul*, *&c.*
6. The *Review* ſtill *Clacks* on——
   He *Anſwers* like a *Paper-Mill.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 3d. 1707.

Country-man. YOU Boaſted laſt time, *Maſter*, not as one that putteth his *Armour* on, but as he who putteth it off, after having Obtain'd the *Victory*.

(1.) *Rehearſal.* I have ſo. And I Boaſt of my *Victory* for this Reaſon, to Encourage the Enemies of *Belial* and *Beelzebub*, not to be Afraid of them, but to carry on the *War* with *Vigour*, ſeeing they have not one Man left to Appear in their Defence! The *Review* Struggl'd long and was Bold, but was forc'd at laſt to yield to *Truth*, and to give up *Milton*, *Lock*, *Sidney*, and all the Republican *Heroes*, who had been the *Generals* of Greateſt *Name* in the Sometimes Victorious *Armies* of *Belial* and *Beelzebub*, who were *Confederat* againſt *Divine Right*, to ſet up the *Devil* of *Mobb* in its Place. Then General *De Foe* took the Command upon himſelf, and thought he had found out a new *Scheme* different from all the Former, to ſupport the Power of the *People*. But this new *Work* he had caſt up being ſoon Beaten about his Ears, he has ever ſince Quit the *Cauſe*, and left their *Camp* Open and Unguarded, to be *Ravag'd* and *Inſulted* by the Country People, by every *Boy* that can Carry a *Staff* in his hand. *Arguments* are Gone, and now no longer inſiſted on. Ther is nothing now but *Mammon* in the Caſe!

(2.) *Country-m.* I have ſeen the Trial of this, *Maſter*, When a Grave *Don* in a *Coffee-Houſe* has been Reading a Lecture upon the *Liberty* of the *People* to *Rebel* and *Right* themſelves, to *Break* the *Yoke* and *Burſt* the *Bonds*, &c. That is *Belial*, ſays a young Rogue, it is the very *Engliſh* of the *Word*. And when the *Voice* of the *People* was Call'd the *Voice* of *God*, and the Ultimat *Determiner* of *Controverſies*. *Buzz*, ſays another, that is *Beelzebub*, the ſame *Voice* of the *People* that Crucify'd *Chriſt*! With that the Wiſe *Seniors* throw down each his *Penny* for their *Coffee* and are Gon—— They cannot bear things in their true *Names*.

(3.) I tell you, *Maſter*, ther's a Great deal in *Names*. The moſt part of the World is Govern'd with *Words*. And when the *Service* of *God* is not thought perfect *Freedom*, but the *Liberty* of *Belial* is taken for our *Natural Right*, to be *Free* from that *Yoke* of *Government* under which *God* has Plac'd Us for our Good, when *Light* is thus put for *Darkneſs*, and *Darkneſs* for *Light*, when we put *Evil* for *Good*, and *Good* for *Evil*, the *Conſequences* muſt be *Dreadful*! Therefore I think it a very Uſeful thing that you have told Us, to Obſerve that the Holy *Scriptures* give to *Rebels* the Title of *Sons* of *Belial*, that is of *Liberty*. And what is ther in Nature can Repreſent the *Noiſe* and *Confuſion* of a Mix'd *Multitude* without *Rule* or *Order*, better than a Great Company of *Flies* all a *Buzzing* through one another? And *Beelzebub* has put it into the Heads of many among us, That this was the *Original State* of *Nature*, and only *Fountain* of all *Government*.

ment. And that we may Reſolve *Government* again into this *State*, whenever we think fit. And well may he be Call'd the *Prince* of *Devils* who can Perſwade Men to this. And the Name of the *God* of *Flies* is moſt Properly given him for this, as well for the *Multitudes* he Commands as for the *Confuſion* they are in, which is a Repreſentation to Us of *Hell* upon *Earth*. And all that Contend for the Power of the *People*, and the *Independent State* of *Nature*, are Liſted under the Banner of *Beelzebub*, as our *Liberty* and *Property* Men (in the ſenſe they are Commonly taken) are Literally the *Sons* of *Belial*. And they Carry on the ſame *War* on *Earth*, that theſe *Arch-Devils* did in *Heaven*. And their *Principles* wou'd Confound *Heaven* as well as *Earth*, if they had *Power* to bring them to Effect. They wou'd turn the whole *Creation* into a *Chaos*. For what is it Elſe to make *Servants* Judge over their *Maſters*, *Children* over their *Parents*, and *Subjects* over their *Soveraigns*? Is not this to make the *Governors* the *Governed*, and the *Governed* to be the *Governors*? As well might the *Stars* Mutiny againſt the *Moon*, and the *Moon* and *Stars* againſt the *Sun*. For why ſhou'd One have more *Light*, or an Higher *Sphere* than another? And why ſhou'd one *Angel* be above another? This was the firſt *Conteſt* in *Heaven*. And why ſhou'd one *Man* be above another? Say theſe ſame *Angels* to Us! It is all of a Piece, and the ſame *Rebellion* againſt *God* that Theirs was, that is, againſt His *Order* and *Appointment*.

(4.) *Rehearſ.* I am Glad to ſee you, *Country-man*, take the matter ſo exactly Right. I now find I have not Loſt my Pains upon you. But the *Review* I was upon of the 14th laſt Month ſays, *For Nations to Fight* (againſt their Kings) *for Liberty, and Oppoſe Tyranny, has been Approv'd by God Almighty in all Ages, and has been the Practice of all Nations in the World.* For otherwiſe, ſays he, *The Law of Nature muſt then be Treaſon.* Now, *Country-man*, I leave it to you to Anſwer him.

Country-m. This was ſpoke like *Belial* himſelf! *Liberty*! My Boys, *Liberty*! *Tyranny*! *Tyranny*! And here comes in *Beelzebub* with his *Independent State* of *Nature*! *Buzz*! *Buzz*! My *Flies*! Let your *Swarms* Darken the *Skies*, and Cover the Face of the *Earth*! Thruſt your Venom'd *Stings* into Man and Beaſt, as you did once Glorioufly in *Egypt*. What can Reſiſt your *Multitudes*?

(5.) But naming *Egypt*, minds me of an Inſtance againſt Mr. *Review*. For was ther Ever ſuch a *Tyrant* as *Pharaoh*? Were ther ever ſuch Miſerable *Slaves* as the *Iſraelits*? Forc'd to make *Brick* without *Straw*! And their *Children* taken from them and *Kill'd* before their Eyes! Yet *God* wou'd not Suffer them to go out of *Egypt* without their *King*'s Leave. Tho' they were 600000 Men, able to *Fight* their way. At leaſt wou'd it not have been Nobler (What do's Mr. *Review* think?) To have Ventur'd all, and Aſſaulted that *Tyrant*, and pull'd him out of his Throne if they Cou'd, or Periſh'd in the Attempt? What cou'd they Fear worſe than the *Iron Furnace*? What cou'd they Fear with ſuch a Leader as *Moſes* on their Head? Such a *Miraculous* Leader! But alas, he with all his *Might*, was over-run with *Jure Divino* and *Paſſive Obedience* Principles. He only Deliver'd *God*'s Meſſage, and Threatn'd *Pharaoh* from Him, not from the *People*. Sure then *Reſiſtance* was not *Approv'd* by *God* in *all Ages*! Now let Mr. *Review* ſhew in what *Age* it was *Approv'd* by *God*. Let him give his Inſtance. Was it Allow'd to the *Jews* under *Ahaſuerus*, when the Whole *Nation* was Doom'd by him to be Cut off? Did they ſtand upon their *Defence* againſt their *Enemies*, till they had his Poſitive *Command* ſo to do? Was it Allow'd to *David* againſt *Saul*? When was it ever Allow'd by *God*?

(6.) *Rehearſ.* All this he has been told by me before, till he even yielded the Cauſe. Yet now he *Repeats* it! I Anſwer'd him before too, and the Late *Obſervator*, as to what he now Trumps up again of my Fighting againſt K. *James* and ſeveral other things. Ther's no End of him. He has a Flow of words, and his *Clack* goes on, I muſt Leave him. It is Diſputing with a *Paper Mill*.

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